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“The Safety for All” Newsom Ballot Measure Committee
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The Western States Sheriffs’ Association represents Sheriffs from fifteen western states. The Sheriffs in California are all members of the Western States Sheriffs’ Association. Our organization was formed to be a collective voice for Sheriffs on a variety of issues, both intrastate as well as on a national platform. As the President of the Western States Sheriffs’ Association I am writing to support the California State Sheriffs’ Association in their opposition to your proposed ballot initiative known as “Safety for All Act of 2016.”

We, in the Western States Sheriffs’ Association believe that this measure manipulates data to support a cause that will not solve the problem of violence in our society, but instead will render law abiding citizens more and more defenseless against the criminal element than they already are. Our Constitution is founded on the fact that the common man has the ability to defend himself and his family. Your proposed ballot initiative is in direct conflict with that basic fundamental belief.

Additionally, this attack on the freedoms of law abiding citizens would criminalize the very citizens we are trying to protect. It would rob them of their property without due process and be unnecessarily burdensome on law enforcement.

We believe that the answer to violent crimes in our country is swift and decisive punishment for those who take part in such crimes, not making the general populace more vulnerable so they are more easily victimized.

Sincerely,

Danny Glick, President